

# City of Asheville

## North Carolina



# American Recovery & Reinvestment Act

## Economic Recovery in Asheville

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# Background

**“For everywhere we look, there is work to be done. The state of the economy calls for action, bold and swift, and we will act – not only to create new jobs, but to lay a new foundation for growth. We will build the roads and bridges, the electric grids and digital lines that feed our commerce and bind us together...All this we can do.  
All this we will do.”**

*- President Barack Obama, Inaugural Address*

# Purpose

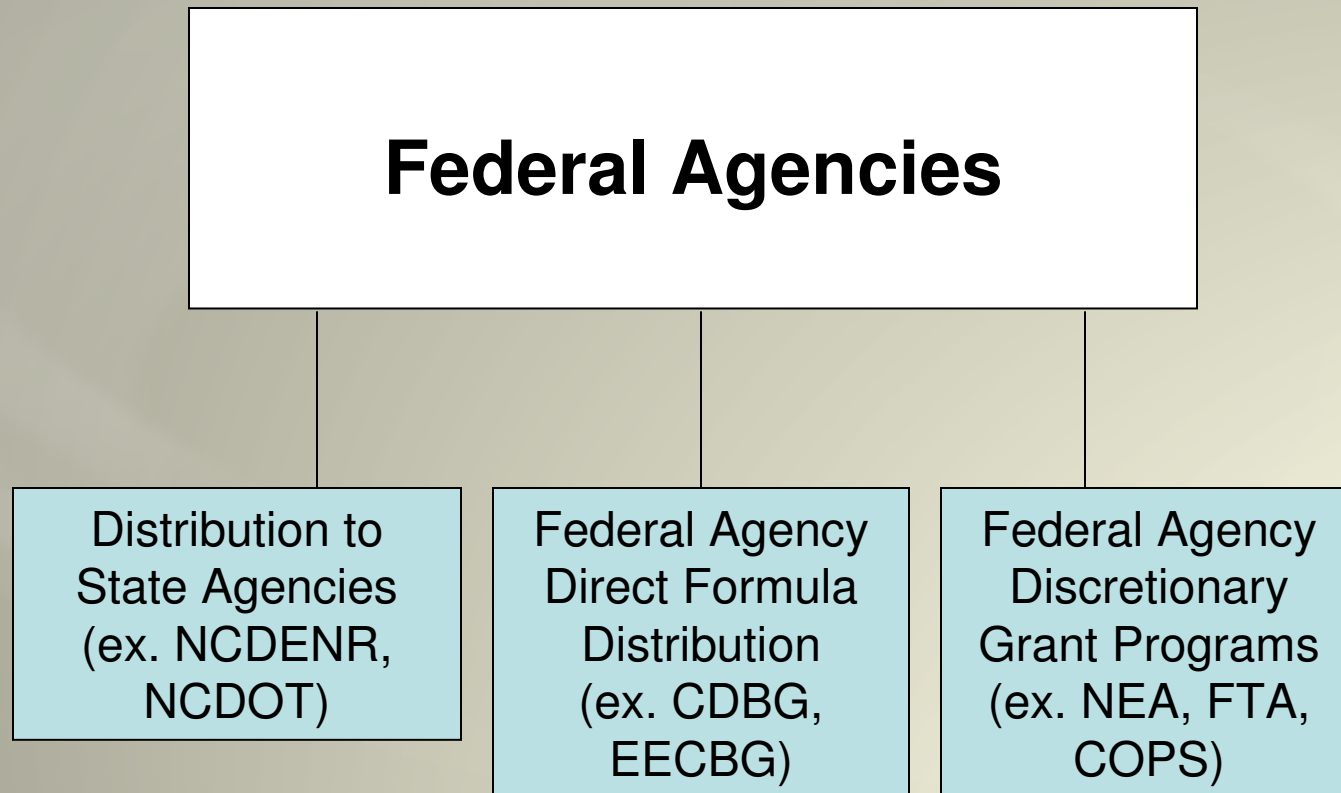
- **Job preservation and creation**
- **Infrastructure investment**
- **Energy efficiency, science and technology**
- **Assistance to unemployed**
- **State and local fiscal stabilization**

# Provisions

- **Preference for projects that can be started immediately.**
  - Spend funds quickly to create and preserve jobs immediately
  - Use it or lose it provisions
- **Prohibited uses include zoos, swimming pools, casinos, aquariums, and golf courses.**
- **Federal prevailing wage rate policy applies.**
- **Buy American provisions prevail but may be waived by federal agencies.**



# Funding Distribution



# Municipal Funding Opportunities



# Transportation

Federal Program *	Funding	Distribution	Timing
Surface Transportation Program	\$ 27.5 B	Formula to states with a sub-allocation to MPOs	Funds apportioned within 21 days after enactment
Competitive STP	\$ 5.5 B	Discretionary	Secretary to publish criteria within 90 days
Transit Capital	\$ 6.9 B	Formula to existing recipients	Funds apportioned within 21 days after enactment
High Speed Rail	\$ 8 B	Secretary to release strategic plan	No later than April 18, 2009
Airports	\$ 1.1 B	Discretionary	TBD

\* select key programs



# Transportation

- **\$735 million to the State for Highway and Bridges**
- **Formula Distribution to the 14 Highway Divisions with an estimate of \$50-60 million to Division 13 (Buncombe, Madison, Yancey, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Rutherford)**
- **3% (\$1.5 million) Allocated for Transportation Enhancements – City of Asheville submitted projects on April 8, 2009 for this funding**
- **\$6 million of the State's Highway Funding allocated by formula for urbanized areas over 200,000 population**

# Transportation

- **Projects funded through this \$6 million will be selected by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO)**
- **Approved list includes street resurfacing, multi-modal and pedestrian improvements and transit investments.**

# Transportation

- **Transit is applying for Transit Investment for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction Grant (TIGGER) in a consolidated proposal with Buncombe and Henderson Counties**
- **Discretionary Grant will be used for purchase of diesel buses, replacement of vehicles with CNG Technology and new CNG pump Station**

# Community Development and Housing

Federal Program*	Funding	Distribution	Timing
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 1 B	Formula	Secretary to establish guidelines to expedite use of funds
Neighborhood Stabilization Program	\$ 2 B	Discretionary	Secretary to publish criteria within 90 days
Homelessness Prevention	\$ 1.5 B	Formula	Secretary to establish requirements within 30 days of enactment
Public Housing Capital	\$ 4 B	Formula and Discretionary to PHAs	TBD
Lead Paint Remediation	\$ 100 M	Discretionary	Preference for FY 2008 Grant Applicants

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# Community Development & Housing

- **\$509,460 allocated to the City of Asheville for Homeless Prevention Program (HPRP)**
- **\$332,942 Entitlement Award of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-R)**
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) – Asheville is not eligible to apply based census tracts for high need criteria**
- **Public Housing Capital – under formula allocation, Asheville Housing Authority received \$3,384,718**

# Energy and Environment

Federal Program*	Funding	Distribution	Timing
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	\$ 3.2 B	\$2.8 B – formula / \$400 M discretionary	Awaiting guidance in the Federal Register
Clean and Drinking Water Grants and Loans	\$ 6 B	Grants to states, then grants/loans to cities	Contact state agency who administers SRF programs.
Brownfields	\$ 100 M	Discretionary	TBD
Army Corps of Engineers	\$ 4.6 B	Discretionary to existing projects	TBD
Superfund	\$ 600 M	Discretionary	TBD

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# Energy and Environment

- **Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant**  
city received \$804,700 with up to \$250,000 available for community programs
- **Clean Water State Revolving Fund – City**  
submitted projects for sewer line, storm water drainage improvements.
- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – city**  
submitted applications for four projects.
- **NCDAQ – Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Grant** (incremental cost to convert to biodiesel)

# Public Safety

Federal Program*	Funding	Distribution	Timing
COPS Hiring	\$1 B	Discretionary	COPS Office expected to launch program within a few weeks
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program	\$ 2 B	Formula to states with suballocation to local governments	TBD
Byrne JAG Competitive	\$ 225 M	Discretionary	TBD
Victims of Crime	\$ 100 M	Discretionary	TBD
Violence Against Women	\$ 225 M	Discretionary	TBD

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# Public Safety

- **Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula funding - \$372,630 (City of Asheville \$265,466 and Buncombe County \$107,164)**
- **COPS Hiring – funding for an additional 12 police officers for 3 years for downtown**
- **Competitive Byrne Grant: Downtown Safety & Crime Prevention Initiative (equipment)**

# Public Safety

- **Local Youth Mentoring Initiative – funding to expand the City of Asheville Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA)**
- **Competitive Byrne Grant: Project Safe Neighborhoods GREAT Families Program**
- **Competitive Byrne Grant: Shiloh Weed & Seed Model Replication (Two Year Funding)**

# Homeland Security

Federal Program*	Funding	Distribution	Timing
Fire Station Grants	\$ 210 M	Discretionary	TBD
Public Transportation Security Assistance	\$ 150 M	Discretionary	TBD
Port Security Grants	\$ 150 M	Discretionary	TBD
Emergency Food and Shelter	\$ 100 M	Discretionary	TBD

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# Workforce Development and Training

Federal Program*	Funding	Distribution	Timing
Adult Employment and Training	\$ 500 M	Formula to states with sub-allocation to local workforce boards	Secretary to submit a plan to Congress within 30 days
Youth Activities	\$ 1.2 B	Formula to states with sub-allocation to local workforce boards	Same
Dislocated Workers	\$ 1.25 B	Formula to states with sub-allocation to local governments	Same
Youthbuild	\$ 50 M	Discretionary	Same

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# Workforce Development & Training

- **Formula Allocations to WIA Boards in WNC totaled \$1,400,390**
- **Funding Provided to WNC**
  - **Adult Employment & Training - \$199,205**
  - **Dislocated Workers - \$747,923**
  - **Youth - \$453,262**

# Community Related Projects

- **City of Asheville received 52 community related projects since the announcement of the ARRA funding in February.**
- **Next steps for community organizations seeking funding:**
  - **Opportunities to apply for ARRA funding that is designated for this purpose**
  - **Collaborative efforts to find funding through other grant opportunities**
  - **City staff will provide any updates on additional funding to the community**

# Business Support and Resources

- City of Asheville Online Vendor Registration [www.AshevilleNC.gov/EconomicRecovery](http://www.AshevilleNC.gov/EconomicRecovery)
- State of North Carolina's VendorLink [www.ncpandc.gov/VendorLink-Registration.htm](http://www.ncpandc.gov/VendorLink-Registration.htm)
- Federal Government – Central Contractor Registration (CCR) [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)
- North Carolina Department of Commerce ([www.nccommerce.com](http://www.nccommerce.com))
- Business Link North Carolina ([www.blnc.gov](http://www.blnc.gov))

# Equal Opportunity

- **Post all contract solicitations**
- **Competitive Process for Bidding**
- **Outreach to HUB (Historically Underutilized Businesses) and small contractors**  
[www.ashevillenc.gov/mbp](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/mbp)  
[www.doa.nc.gov/hub](http://www.doa.nc.gov/hub)
- **Posting of Jobs to the Employment Security Commission (ESC)**

# Stewardship & Transparency

- **Successful ARRA implementation is a top priority for the City of Asheville.**
  - Asheville has reassigned existing staff and resources to support effective management
  - We are working with community partners to share information and encourage broad application.
- **Highest levels of accountability and transparency are expected.**
  - [www.ashevillenc.gov/economicrecovery](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/economicrecovery)
  - [www.ncrecovery.org](http://www.ncrecovery.org)
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